



RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
EXAMINING GROUP 1654
PATENT
Attorney Docket No. 03495.0320-01

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Stewart COLE, Roland BUCHREISER-
BROSCH, Stephen GORDON, and Alain
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Application No.: 10/802,796

Filed: March 18, 2004

For: A METHOD FOR ISOLATING A
POLYNUCLEOTIDE OF INTEREST FROM
THE GENOME OF MYCOBACTERIUM USING
A BAC-BASED DNA LIBRARY, APPLICATION
TO THE DETECTION OF MYCOBACTERIA

Group Art Unit: 1654

Examiner: Julie Ha

Confirmation No.: 6307

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed October 17, 2007, the period for response having been extended to February 19, 2008, February 18, 2008, being the Presidents' Day Holiday, by a request for extension of one month and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, please reconsider the above-identified application in view of the following remarks.